

BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

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JAMES AND JANET CAMBELL WATSON

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were the parents of nine children, Thomas, William, Margaret, Agnes, Jessup, Sarah, Christina, James and John. He died February 18, 1896, at Heber, and his wife died February 15, 1899, at Center.

James received a common school education, but at an early age he went to work in the coal mines, continuing in that vocation up to the time he left Scotland to come to America. Shortly after his marriage he and his wife joined the Church and became very zealous advocates of the doctrines of the LDS Church. They had a great desire to leave Scotland for the Church headquarters in Utah. In 1855, with their four children, they sailed for the United States from Liverpool. After landing in America they traveled to Pennsylvania, where James worked in the mines to help them on their journey West.

They moved farther West to Illinois, working again to help save for the long trip across the plains. In 1861, when the Civil War broke out, they left for Florence, Missouri, and joined the William Asper company for Salt Lake City.

Arriving in Utah, they visited with friends a few days and then came to Heber to the home of their old friend, Thomas Nicol, who received them gladly.

James took up land northeast of Heber, and with the help of his family and friends he built a good log cabin and moved in before winter. In time he cleared the land, raised good crops, got the fences and ditches all in good shape, and soon had a fine farm. A few years later he replaced the log cabin with a substantial sandstone home.

He was an earnest, faithful worker in the Church, holding the office of High Priest, and was considered strictly honest and honorable in his dealings with others.

Janet Cambell was born September 30, in Scotland. One day the mine caught afire 1825, in Fifehire, Scotland.

As a girl, Janet worked in the coal mines and she was the last person to be drawn up from the mine, in a bucket.

When James and his wife heard the message of Mormonism they joined the Church, but were disowned by their families. They came to America in 1855 with four small children. Shortly after sailing, their baby, Agnes, was stricken with smallpox. James

11, 1894, and to them were born four children: Pearl, Douglas, Lola and Glade.

Morgan worked in the mines at Keetley and in Park City, Utah. He was also a trapper, hunter and fisherman. It was often told of Morgan that he could catch fish when no one else could, and he loved the sport.

Morgan also played the violin, and though he never had any formal lessons and played only by ear, he was always in demand to play for local dances. When anyone visited their home they always wanted to listen to Morgan play his violin. And during his lifetime he played so much that he wore grooves where his fingers rested. All the children of the neighborhood loved to visit at their home, for Morgan would always play and visit with them, and they loved him for it.

Sylena was a quiet lady and suffered all her life from poor health. But in spite of this, she did Relief Society teaching, besides all the rigors of rearing four young children. And often Morgan was away in the hills, when she had much responsibility to shoulder. It was said of her that she was a good neighbor, always lending things to her neighbors and friends.

Jedediah Morgan Walker died on May 20, 1930, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Sylena Giles Walker died on January 27, 1948, in Glens Ferry, Idaho.

THOMAS SQUIRE WATSON



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